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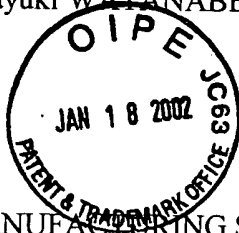
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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE



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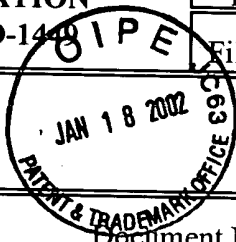
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